The Government has launched "Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana-2001", a social security scheme for the agricultural workers which is being implemented by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in 50 identified districts in the country to cover 10 lakh agricultural workers during its first phase of three years. Among various benefits available under this scheme are insurance coverage, money-back and pension after attaining the age of 60 years. Janshree Bima Yojana launched in August, 2000 envisages to provide life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor including those engaged in agriculture, small hotels, dhabas etc., between the age group of 18--60 years who are below and marginally above the poverty line.

The Government is also implementing a number of Plan schemes through various Ministries/ Departments like Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Sampooran Gramin Rojgar Yojana for rural workers, Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme, Health Package Scheme, Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers and Insurance Scheme for Khadi Workers. Further, the benefits under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Slum Development Programme are also available to the urban poor including unorganised workers in the country.

Closure of Industries

2442. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 860 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether there is no system of maintaining records of the industries which are closed without taking Government's prior permission; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to streamline the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) All Industries do not statutorily have to take prior permission of the appropriate Government under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 before closure. Only industries covered under Chapter V B have to do so. It is, therefore, not possible to maintain records of all industries that are closed without taking Government's prior permission.